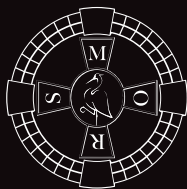


„ARDERE ET LUCERE”



CISTERCIAN ABBEY OF ZIRC





ELEVATING ENVIRONMENT. IMPOSING EXHIBITIONS.

If you are enthusiastic about baroque buildings and frescos which also carry traces of the spirit from the Middle Ages, then the wonderful values of the Cistercian Abbey in Zirc is a must for you.

THE ABBEY COURTYARD

The abbey courtyard with the renovated abbey and with its unique atmosphere is the astonishing entrance to the exhibitions in the new Visitor Centre of the Cistercian Abbey in Zirc.

MONASTERY VISITOR CENTRE

Our new exhibition about church history and the history of the order provides our guests with an audio guide, interactive touch screen information boards, valuable pictures and objects. Furthermore you can learn about the life of the Cistercian fathers from the Middle Ages until today in a friendly environment.

THE ABBEY CHURCH

The next station of the tour is the church of the abbey where you can have a look at the wonderful original baroque frescos. The theme of the frescos has humans in the centre, which creates a relaxed, liturgical atmosphere for our visitors. The effect provided by the pieces of fine art and the interior of the church can be made more enjoyable by baroque organ music.

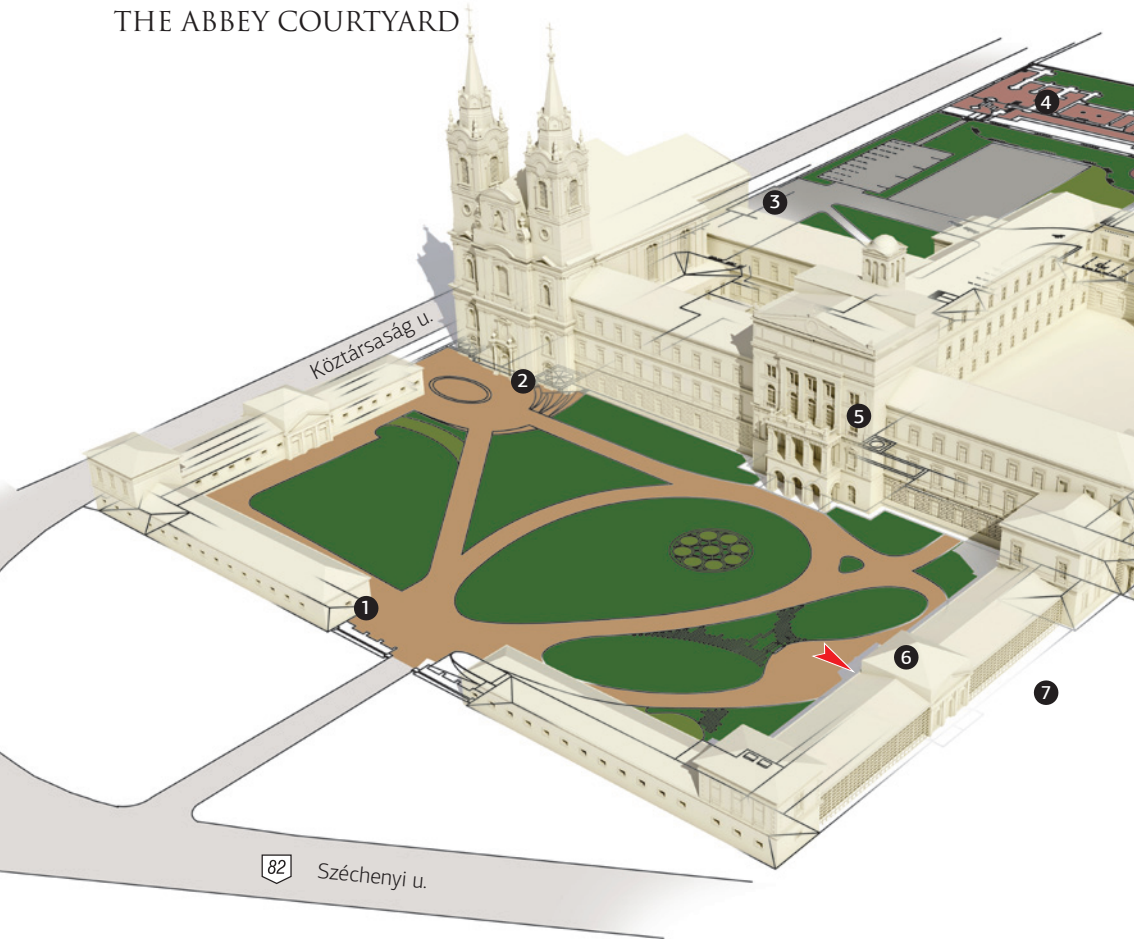
THE MEDIEVAL RUIN GARDEN AND THE CRYPT

The restoration included also the renovation of the ruin garden, as a result of which you can experience first-hand the medieval architectural themes, which are determined by the life and spirit of the former monks. In order to make the exhibition more exciting and due to huge demand, the crypt below the abbey has been opened. The crypt has not been renovated yet, but it has been preserving its secrets for the visitors for many centuries.

THE MONASTERY SOUVENIR SHOP

You can buy here not only the souvenirs of the monastery, but also the colourful, fragrant products of local craftsmen and these mementos do not enchant only children, but adults, too.

THE ABBEY COURTYARD

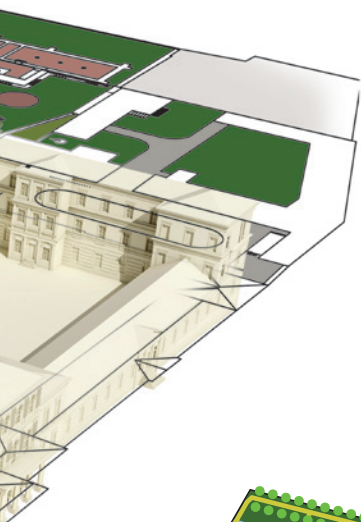


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ARBORETUM

- Arboretum entrance
- - - Recommended route
- 200 years old lime-tree route

- 🌊 cascade
- 🏛️ monument summer-house
- 👤 Békefi Remig memorial
- 📄 informing panel
- 🌿 lakeside wetland
- 🌿 Cuha Brook wetland
- 🌳 400 years old pedunculate oak-tree
- 🎡 playground





NATIONAL SZÉCHÉNY LIBRARY, CISTERCIAN HISTORICAL LIBRARY

The historical library is located on the second floor of the Abbey building. The first books were brought here by the monks of Heinrichau in the 18th century when they came and founded again the Cistercian Abbey. The numbers of books swelled to 65,000 volumes by 1950 when the State took possession of the library following the dispersal of the monks of the Cistercian Order. Fortunately, the National Library was allotted the task of its upkeep, and this task has been performed and is performed even today, while the proprietary rights have reverted to the Cistercians. The library is in possession of 70 incunabula, more than 300 antiquities, many of which are unparalleled in Hungary. With regard to themes the stock is mainly theological, but books of most fields of science can also be found here. The library can be visited with professional guides, when guests may become acquainted with the history of the library and the Order. They can also view an exhibition of books as well as the main hall that is furnished by inlaid wood, which is well known throughout Europe.



We have various other programmes for our visitors, like:

- organ music in 20 minutes performed by the organist of the church. You can order tickets in advance and through the masterpieces of music history you can experience the amazing sound of our organ in the church, which has an outstanding acoustic. A ticket for the performance costs 20 000 Ft.
- Our next programme, which is called „Meet the queen of the instruments“, is for children. It is an opportunity for children to learn about the functioning and the beautiful sound of the renowned organ of our church from an organ artist first-hand. You can order tickets in advance. The price of a ticket is 20 000 Ft and the maximal number of participants in a group is 25 persons.

THE ARBORETUM

The historical environment of the abbey includes also an arboretum that has the style of an English garden and it is at the highest altitude – 400 metres above sea level – among the Hungarian arboretums. It provides a splendid view in every season. In spring the ornamental plants and perennial plants around the fish pond, in summer the thousand shades of green, the scent of linden trees, the splash of the Cuha Brook (Cuha-patak), in autumn the brown-yellow brilliancy of colours and in winter the snow blanket and the frost on the branches of the trees mesmerise the visitors. The arboretum – also called the tree garden – with an area of 20 hectares was established probably in the second half of the 18th century. In this wonderful natural environment you can often see bugs and insects characteristic only for the fauna of the Bakony Mountains, what is more, occasionally deer and squirrels accompany the visitors on their strolls.



INFORMATION:

OPENING HOURS

Monastery Visitor Centre, Abbey Church, Ruins Of The Medieval Abbey, Ticket Office – Souvenir Shop:

Monday: closed
Tuesday – Sunday:
15. March – 15. November: 9.00 – 17.00
16. November – 14. March: 10.00 – 16.00

The Arboretum:

Monday: closed
Tuesday – Sunday:
15. March – 30. April: 9.00 – 17.00
1. May – 31. August: 9.00 – 19.00
1. September – 15. November: 9.00 – 17.00
16. November – 14. March: closed

National Széchényi Library, Cistercian Library:

Monday: closed
Tuesday – Sunday:
15. March – 15. November: 9.00 – 17.00
Tuesday – Saturday:
16. November – 14. March: 10.00 – 16.00

For more information about prices and our programmes, please visit:

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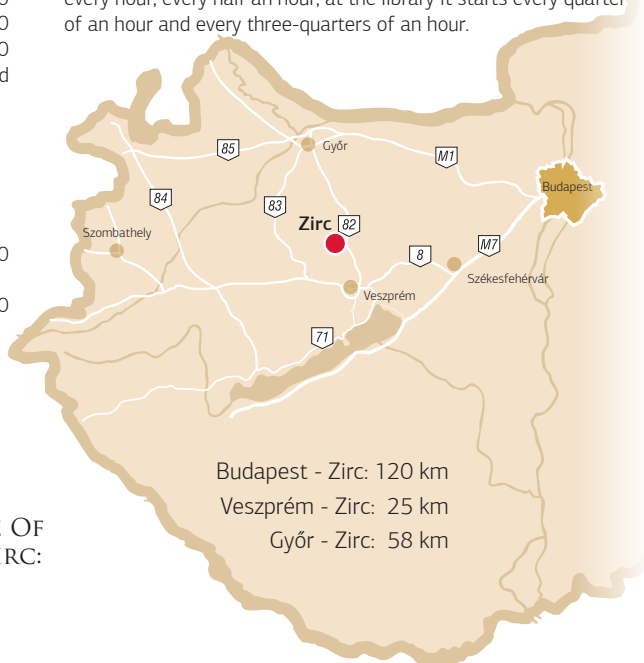
You can enter the arboretum not just from the Damjanich street (Damjanich utca), but also through the abbey courtyard. You can find the ticket shop next to the main entrance.

Important information:

The guided tours start at 9.30 from Tuesday to Saturday between 15. March – 15. November, they start at 10.30 between 16. November – 14. March, but on Sunday they start at 11.00 o'clock due to the masses.

The church is closed for visitors between 12.30 and 13.30 because of the daily prayers of the monks and the opening hours of the church may be modified due to wedding ceremonies, funeral ceremonies and other church ceremonies.

You can visit the church and the library only with a guide, the guided tour takes 30 minutes. At the church the guided tour starts every hour, every half an hour, at the library it starts every quarter of an hour and every three-quarters of an hour.



Welcome in the Hungarian centre of the Cistercian spirituality!